

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejections of the claims under 35 USC §§102, 103 as unpatentable over Richardson or Richardson in view of DiGiovanni.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the feature of the invention wherein the light is separated into a plurality of channels before the power amplifier stage, and each channel is directed to a separate power amplifier. None of the references of record shows this feature or provides any reason for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify a prior art structure to include it. Accordingly, it is submitted that the amended claims are allowable over the art of record.

Applicants petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and include the \$525.00 fee in the attached check. Please charge any fee deficiency to deposit account 50-1088.

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